Stafford County Sheriff's Office



Annual Report 2026

Dedicated, innovative people, working with the community, to serve and protect Stafford County while using the best tools and technology available.

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Detective D.V. Torrice, Jr. graduates from the 116thh session of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Forensic Science Academy.

In Memoriam





The deaths of Deputy Toby Humphrey and Deputy Jason Mooney are reminders of the inherent dangers of police work, and that any given shift may end abruptly in serious injury or death. In honor of Deputy Humphrey, the Public Safety Center in Stafford County, which houses the Sheriff's Office and the Fire and Rescue Department, was named after him. In memory of Deputy Mooney, a sign was erected on I-95 southbound at the scene of his accident, the road for Fire and Rescue Station 2 where he volunteered, was named after him, and Lake Mooney Reservoir opened in 2016.

In memory of our fallen brother, Deputy Sheriff Ford Tyson "Toby" Humphrey, who lost his life in the pursuit of serving and protecting the citizens of Stafford County. On October 9, 1980, 26-year-old Ford Tyson "Toby" Humphrey was killed in the line of duty by a gunman while attempting to quell a domestic disturbance. Deputy Humphrey served his community as a Deputy Sheriff as well as a volunteer member of the Fredericksburg Rescue



Deputy Sheriff

Ford Tyson "Toby" Humphrey

In memory of our fallen brother, Deputy Sheriff Jason Edward Mooney, who lost his life on October 19, 2007, in service to the citizens of Stafford County. Jason Edward Mooney, age 24, was killed in the line of duty while responding to a traffic accident on I-95. Deputy Mooney epitomized public service. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Al-asad, Iraq, had been a boy scout and was also a volunteer fireman with Stafford Company 2 at the time of his death.



Deputy Sheriff

Jason Edward Mooney

Sheriff's Message

Annual Reports are a great way to reflect and highlight the great work done by the dedicated professionals of our agency.

In 2025, we continued to see a reduction in our overall crime rate as we did in 2024. The sheriff's office was awarded our Certified Crime Prevention Community designation from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services due to the hard work of our entire team. This award is based on our crime prevention initiatives, the dedication of our employees, and our community in working together as partners in maintaining a safe place to live and work.

To help keep our agency moving forward we started a Strategic Planning process in 2017. Please take a look at our Strategic Planning efforts that start on page 22. The work that our staff has done in these Focus Areas embodies our vision that we highlight on the cover of this report: "*Dedicated, innovative people, working with the community, to serve and protect Stafford County while using the best tools and technology available."* The work done through our Strategic Planning process provides on-going evaluations of our agency to confirm that we are employing contemporary law enforcement practices.

Our strategic planning efforts led to the paneling of a committee to research and develop a new field uniform for our operational personnel. This included direct feedback from members within the agency. The new field uniform included a new outer carrier system for the deputies' body armor. This new field uniform allows for a more comfortable, breathable, and functional uniform.

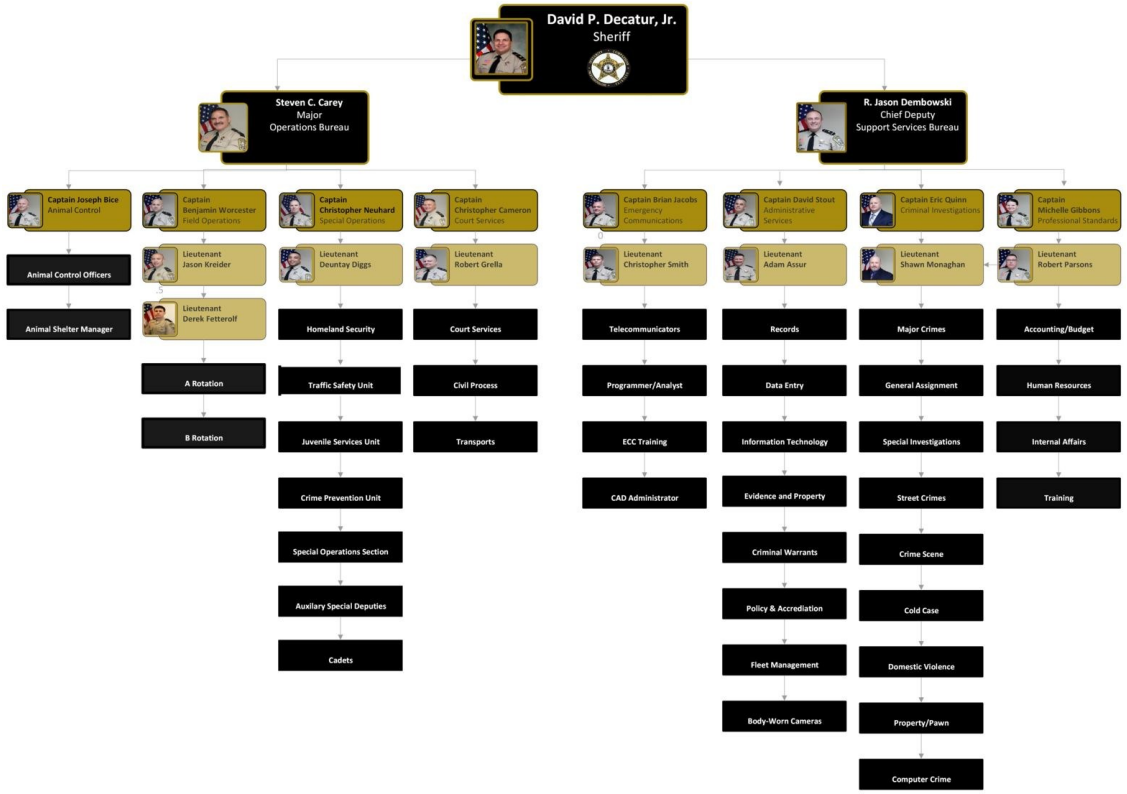


Our agency continues to lead in the area of community engagement. This past year our National Night Out had a record crowd in attendance. It is events like this and the countless others we do each year that allow for the men and women of our agency to connect with our community and develop meaningful partnerships to keep Stafford County safe.

I count myself truly blessed to live and serve in Stafford County. Thank you for your continued support.

Sheriff David P. Decatur, Jr.

Organizational Chart





SWAT Team competed in the Harrisonburg Police Department 23rd Annual SWAT Competition with A first place win in both Sniper and Officer Rescue events.

Vision, Mission and Values

Our vision, mission and values provide a roadmap for our organization for the future. Our vision is an aspiration that describes what we would like to achieve for its future. Our mission describes how we can fulfill our vision. Values provides guidance for how we should behave in carrying out our mission and fulfilling our vision.

Sharing a vision, mission and values helps to inspire us to coordinate our actions toward common future. During our Strategic Planning Process, members of the Sheriff's Office Strategic Planning Team reaffirmed our Mission and organizational values. They were also asked to envision their desired future state as a department. Common elements of these statements were culled to develop the Vision and Vision Principles.

Vision

Dedicated, innovative people, working with the community, to serve and protect Stafford County while using the best tools and technology available.

Mission

We, the men and women of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with our community, are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by maintaining order, protecting life and property, and reducing the fear of crime.

We will ensure the peace and safety of all citizens by upholding the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As leaders of the community, we will embrace our core beliefs: Integrity, Compassion, Fairness, and Professionalism.

Values

As a team we are "Committed to Excellence" through:

Integrity

We will earn and maintain the trust of our citizens by being personally and professionally accountable to the highest ethical and moral standards. We will conduct ourselves above reproach, mindful of justice, with the courage to uphold these convictions.

Compassion

We will treat everyone with dignity, respect and understanding. We will be responsive to the community and each other by being caring, sensitive and conscientious.

Fairness

We will maintain a standard of what is right and proper, free from self-interest, prejudice or favoritism. We will be consistent, objective and just in all our actions.

Professionalism

We will provide quality service through motivated, dedicated and well-trained employees. Our actions, attitudes and appearance will demonstrate self-discipline, attention to duty and service to our community.



Stafford At A Glance

Historic Treasures

Stafford County played an important role in the events that shaped our nation's history. George Washington grew up at his boyhood home in Falmouth, Aquia sandstone was quarried for the White House and the U.S. Capitol at Government Island, and many African American slaves traveled the "Trail to Freedom" through Stafford's Aquia Landing. The Stafford Sheriff's Office is honored to protect these historic assets and preserve them for future generations.

A Vibrant Community

Located midway between Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Virginia, Stafford is full of opportunities for young professionals and growing families. Residents and visitors can take advantage of the county's excellent schools, parks and recreational amenities, historic treasurers, the Stafford Hospital, Riverside Dinner Theater, the Stafford Airport, and many shopping and dining offerings.

Committed to Excellence

In 1664, Stafford became one of the first counties in Colonial Virginia to appoint a sheriff. Since then, a long line of sheriffs have served in Stafford, including George Mason and William Fitzhugh. Sheriff David P. Decatur became Stafford's 108th Sheriff in 2016. Today, the Sheriff's Office has 351 employees and handles law enforcement, court operations, emergency communications and community engagement.

168,919
Stafford's Population

277
Stafford's Area in Square Miles

34
Total Number of Stafford Schools

351
FY24 Authorized Positions

2025 Highlights

January

Deputies learned a suicidal/homicidal Stafford County resident was armed with a rifle and attempting to access the Marine Corps Base to murder a person there. Deputies followed numerous leads and located the male at a co-worker's home. After a brief standoff, the man was taken for a mental health evaluation. Excellent work by multiple divisions of the Sheriff's Office to peacefully resolve the incident.

February

Deputies attempted to stop an intoxicated driver. The suspect refused to stop and initiated a pursuit. A deputy was on a traffic stop on the shoulder of the Interstate conducting field sobriety tests and quickly moved his suspect behind the guardrail as the pursuit approached. This was fortunate as the pursuit suspect veered onto the shoulder and struck the vehicle that had been stopped for DUI investigation. The pursuit suspect had a tire go down and deputies used a rolling road block to force the suspect to stop. The suspect proceeded to flee into the woods on foot, but was quickly caught by K-9. He was jailed for DUI, eluding and other charges.

March

Detectives coordinated with Virginia State Police, Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office, Caroline Sheriff's Office and Fredericksburg Police Department to solve a series of Sheetz robberies in the region. The suspects were located in Spotsylvania and arrested after a brief pursuit. The suspects are linked to one case in Stafford, but many more in the region.

April

Telecommunicators received recognition for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Several businesses dropped off food and two Telecommunicators were awarded for their abilities in dispatch protocol.

May

The Annual Awards Ceremony was held at Mt. Ararat Church to honor numerous deputies for representing the Core Values of the Sheriff's Office and performing heroic acts in their service to the community.

June

Deputies responded to assist a Leesburg Police Officer. The officer was transporting an unruly and combative subject and the detained man had kicked out the window. Deputies assisted with bringing the subject to our facility to await another transport vehicle. Charges of obstruction and felony vandalism were obtained.

July

Deputies responded for a lost child The 4-year-old child with autism was located by deputies approximately 20 minutes after dispatch.

August

Deputies responded to gas station for a missing person. The 75-year-old woman had wandered away from the business when her son went to pay for gas. Drone and K-9 were activated and she was located in a nearby construction site in good condition.

2025 Highlights

September

Sheriff Decatur spoke at the 9/11 ceremony located at the Public Safety Building as the Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue, and the community came together in remembrance of all the lives lost on that day in 2001.

October

The Sheriff's Office hosted its annual National Night Out event at Stafford Marketplace. Thousands of people came out for this great community event.

November

The Sheriff's Office held a traditional cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps and to recognize Marine Corps veterans who serve with our agency.

December

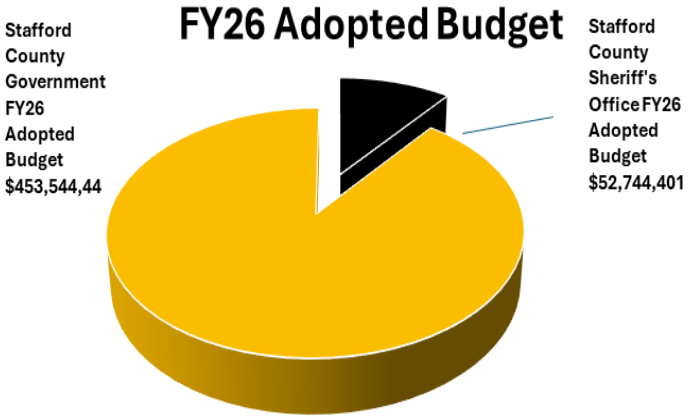
The Sheriff's Office hosted its annual Toy Drive and provided Christmas presents to more than 100 children in our community.

Financial Statistics

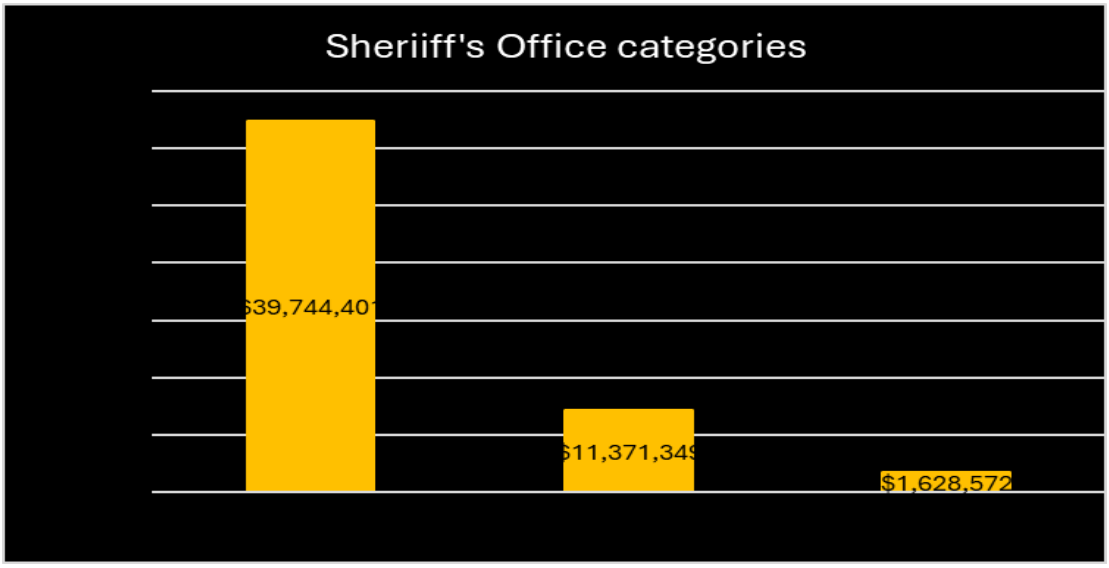
The Stafford County Sheriff's Office budget is but one piece of the overall Stafford County budget (see chart below). For the FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) the total County budget was $453,544,442. The Sheriff's Office budget was $52,744,401 (including the Court Deputies) or 11.6% of the overall County Budget.

$453,544,442
Stafford County Budget

$52,744,401*
Sheriff's Budget



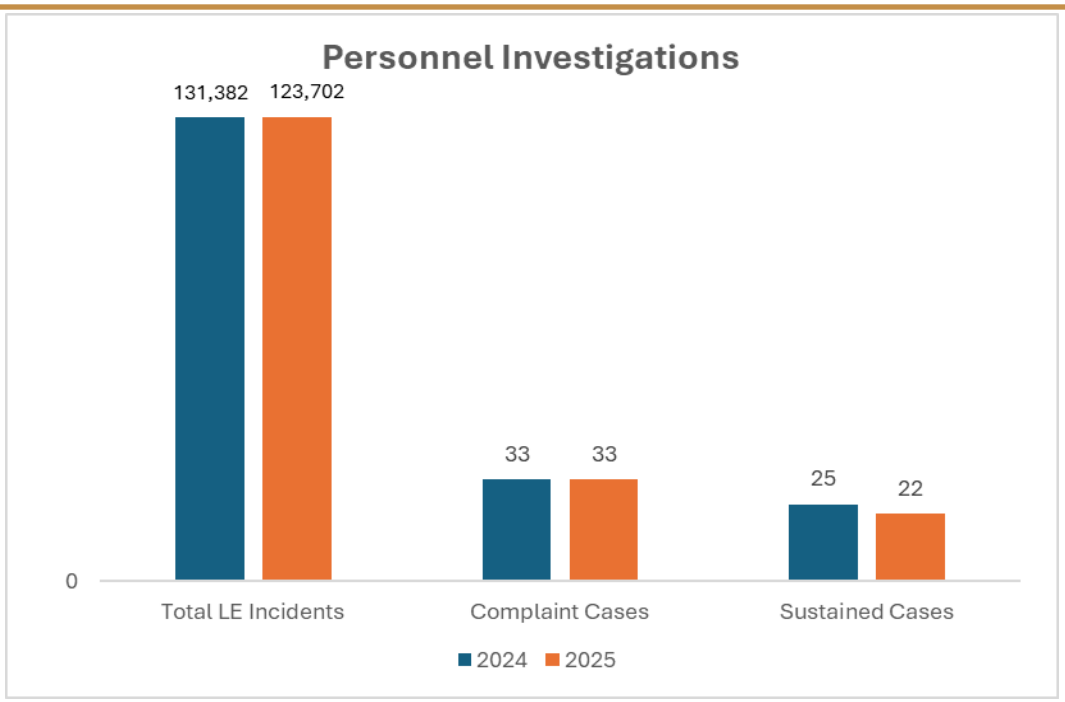
The 11.6% slice of the County Government's budget pie is divided into three major categories totaling $52,744,401* (see chart below). The three categories are Personnel, Operating and Capital. Personnel costs include the salaries and benefits of the 351 Sheriff's Office employees**.** Operating costs deal with the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office to include training, technology and fuel. Capital costs



*Includes Court Deputies

Personnel Statistics

The image of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office depends on the personal integrity and discipline of every one of its employees. The Sheriff's Office encourages citizens to bring forward grievances regarding misconduct by personnel. The Sheriff's Office investigates all complaints made by citizens. In addition, many of the complaints investigated are internally initiated by the Sheriff's Office. Proactive internal investigations ensure the public that our personnel adhere to the highest standards in performance.



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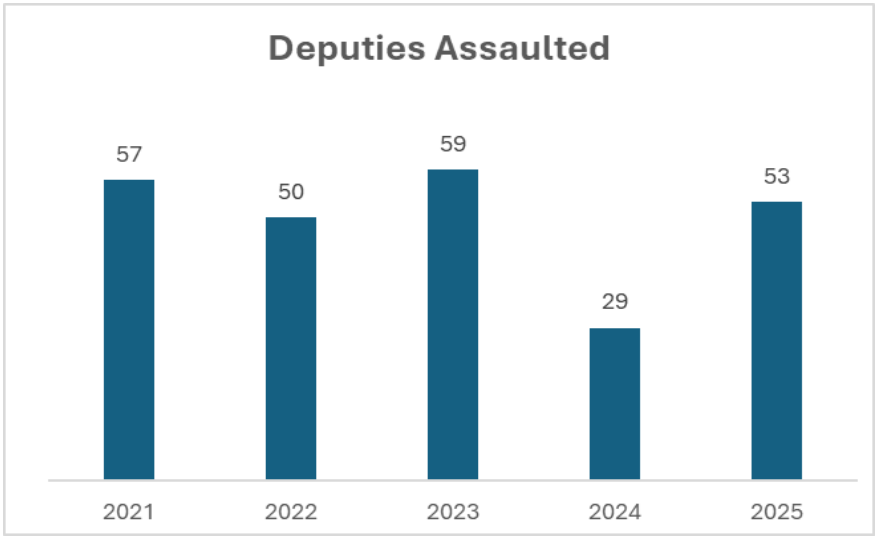
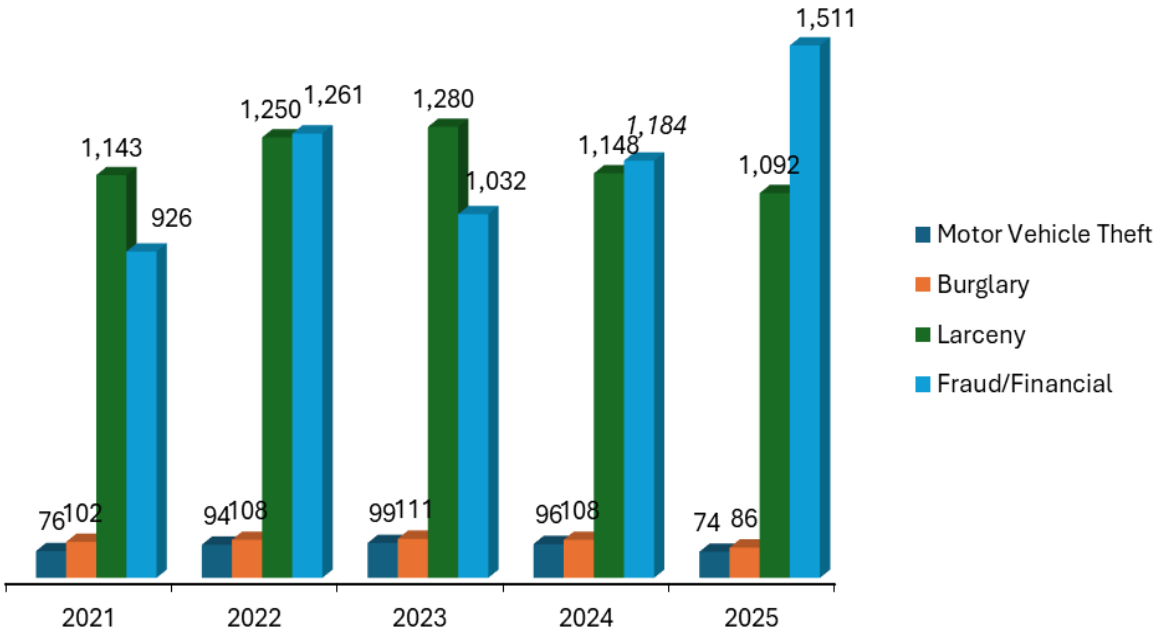
The graph on the right shows the number of assaults on deputies over the past five years. Assaults increased from 2024 to 2025.

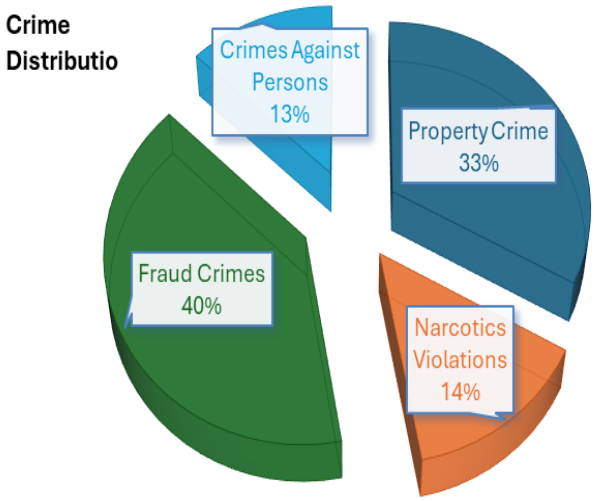


Crime Statistics

The following pages provide statistics that reflect different activities handled by the Sheriff's Office in Calendar Year 2025. Fraud Crimes saw the biggest change from 2024 to 2025 with an increase of approximately 8.8%. Crimes Against Persons increased 3.6%. The two areas that saw decreases were Crimes Against Property, which decreased 2.6%, and Narcotics Violations, which decreased approximately 5.4%.



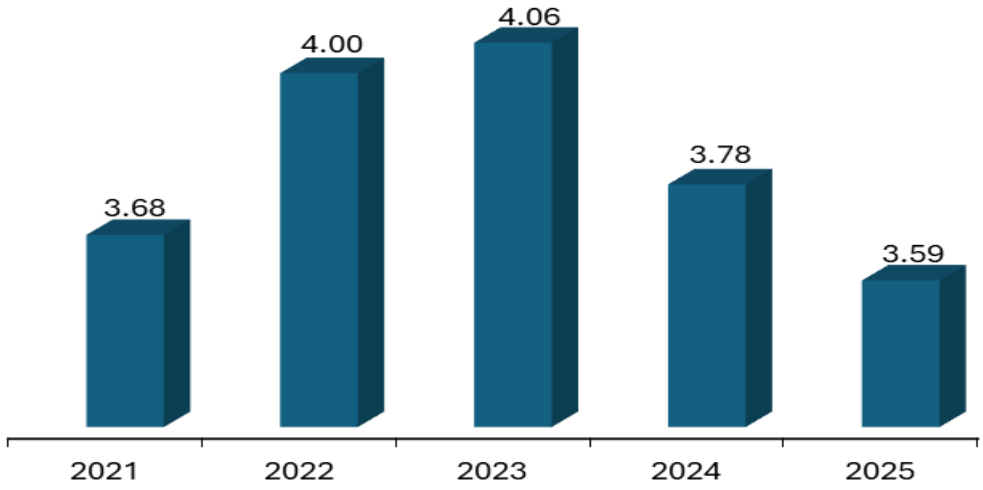
The chart on the right summarizes the major crimes reported in Calendar Year 2025. Fraud Crimes made up the largest percentage of all crimes in 2025 at 40% and increased in the number of crimes by 8.8%. Property Crimes decreased in the number of crimes from 2024 to 2025 by 2.6%. Narcotics Crimes decreased by 5.4%. Crimes against Persons equaled 13% of the overall crime and increased in the number of crimes by 3.6%.



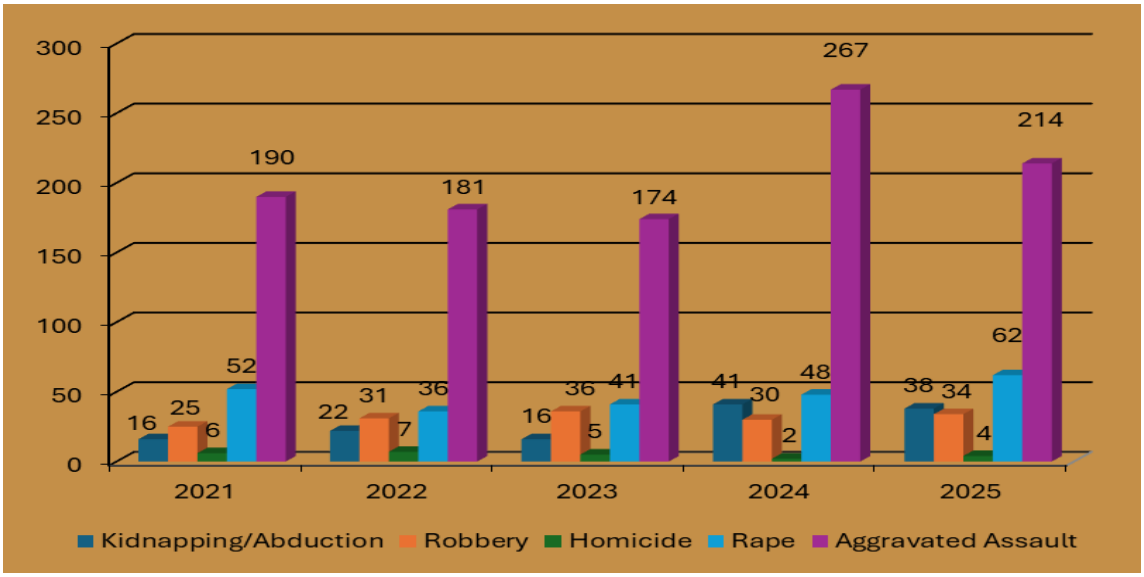
Crime Statistics

Stafford's crime rate showed a decrease in 2025 in comparison to 2024. Overall, Stafford's crime rate remains low when considering the growth rate for the county. Contributing factors to maintaining a low crime rate include the Sheriff's Office's community engagement initiatives and strong partnerships with businesses, citizens and elected officials.

Crime Rate per 100 Residents



Significant Crimes Against Persons

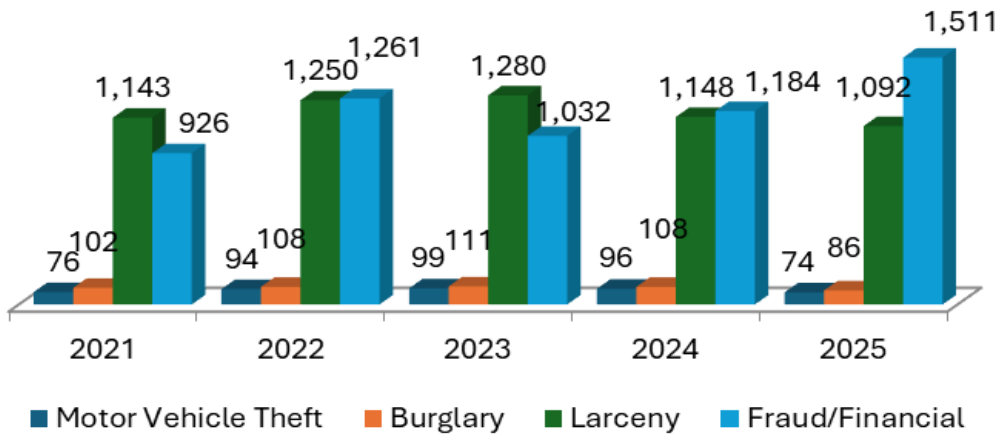


Of all the Crimes Against Persons, three categories decreased from 2024 to 2025: Kidnapping/Abductions decreased .83% in 2025 and Aggravated Assaults decreased from 267 in 2024 to 215 in 2025. Homicides increased from 2 in 2024 to 4 in 2025; Robberies increased by 4, growing from 30 in 2024 to 34 in 2025.

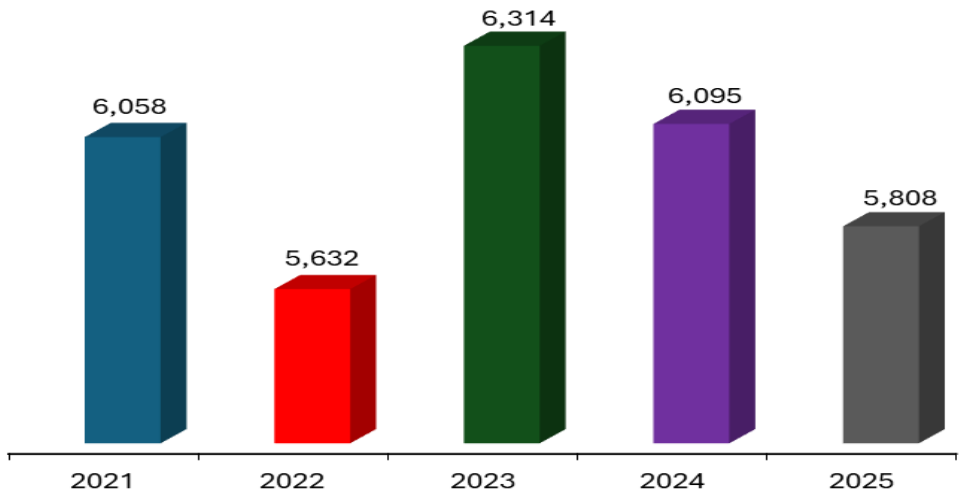
Crime Statistics

Overall, reported crime decreased in 2025, compared to 2024. Fraud related crimes saw the largest Increased this year from 1,184 crimes reported in 2024 to 1,511 crimes reported in 2025.

Crimes Against Property—General



Criminal Arrests

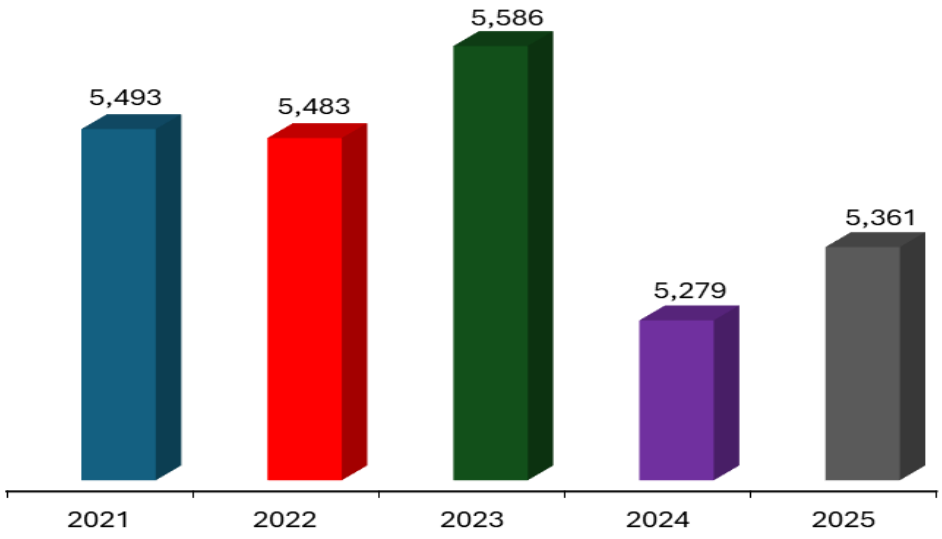


Criminal Arrests decreased by 287 from 2024 to 2025.

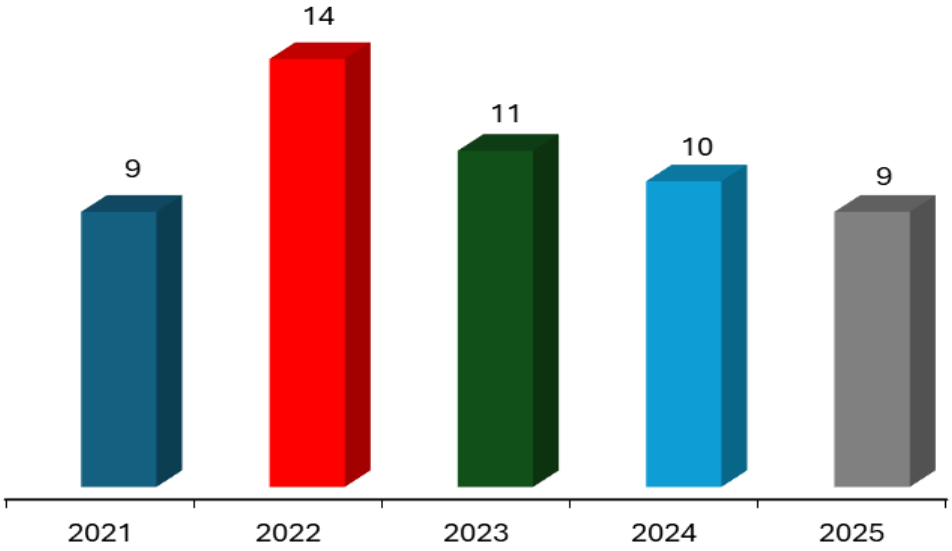
Traffic Safety Statistics

The Special Operations Division is responsible for the Traffic Safety Unit, which manages the control of traffic movement, enforcement of traffic laws and the investigation of traffic collisions, Through directed and proactive enforcement personnel work to make our roadways safe to travel. Traffic accidents increased in 2025, and Fatal Auto Accidents decreased 10% from 2024 to 2025 (decreased in number by 1).

Traffic Accidents



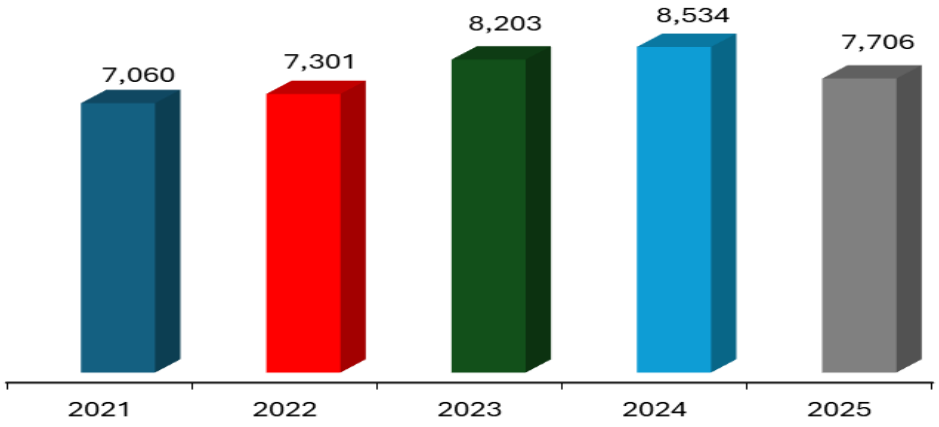
Fatal Traffic Accidents



Traffic Safety Statistics

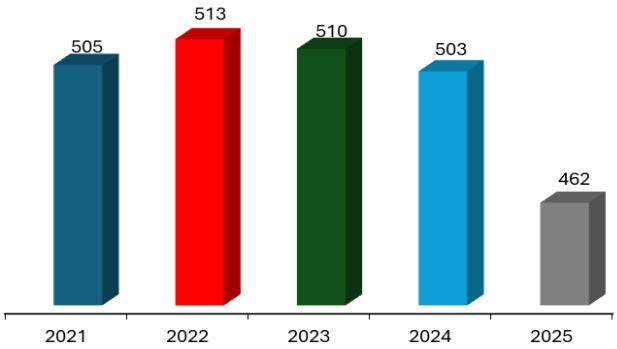
The number of citations issued has decreased over the past year. Citations issued from 2024 to 2025 decreased by approximately 10%.

Citations

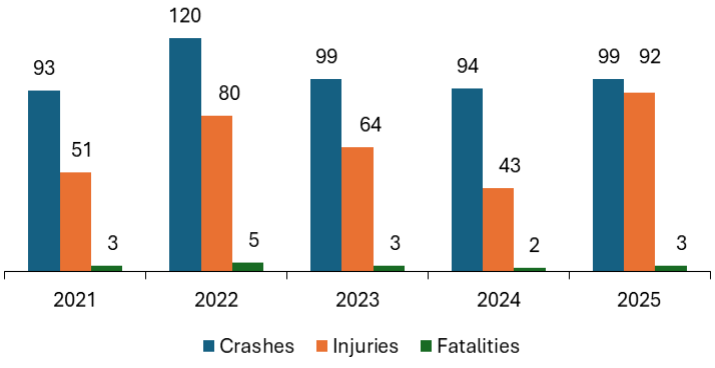


DUIs decreased from 2024 to 2025. In 2025, with 41 fewer arrests being made.

DUI



Alcohol Related Incidents



Each category of Alcohol Related Incidents reflected increases from 2024 to 2025. Crashes increased almost 6%; Injuries increased by 53%; and the number of Fatalities increased by a total of 1.

Court Services Statistics

The Operations Bureau oversees the Court Services Division. The Court Services/Civil Process Division provides a variety of services such as security at the Stafford Courthouse, prisoner transportation and the processing of all legal civil documents. They also provide regular security checks around the Stafford Government campus. The workload of the Court Services Division continues to grow as reflected by the chart below.

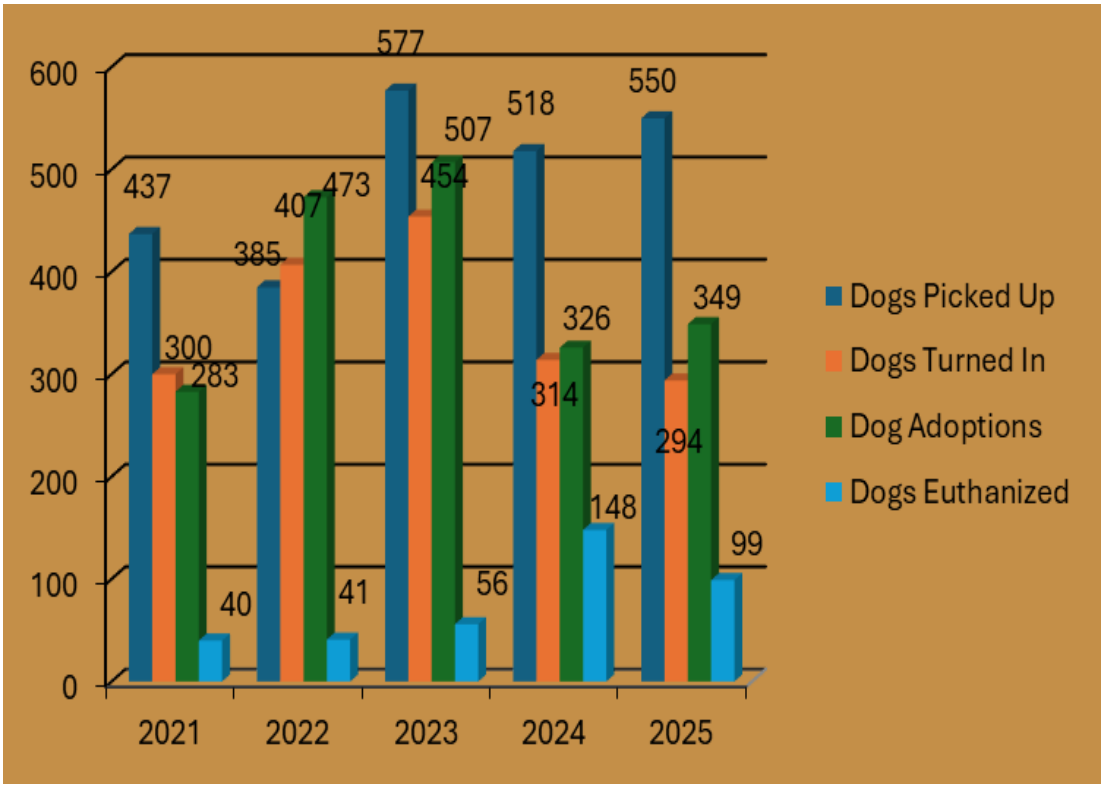
Court Service	2024	2025	% Change
Courthouse Visitors Screened	114,996	111,685	-3%
Jurors Screened	2,604	2,315	-1%
Civil Process	33,952	38,757	12%
Civil Process at Rappahannock Regional Jail	1,090	905	-16%
Evictions	749	773	3%
Transports	555	412	-25%
Extraditions	81	99	.09%
Mental Transports	229	72	-68%
Warrants Served	397	315	-20%
Prisoners Transported	6,374	6,368	-.09%
Circuit Court Days	655	656	.15%
General District Court Days	420	435	3.4%
Juvenile/Domestic Relations Court Days	408	387	-5%

In 2025 Lieutenant C.P. Cameron was appointed to the position of Captain in Court Services. We congratulate him on his well-earned appointment.



Animal Control Statistics — Dogs

Animal Control is composed of two entities: sworn officers and the Animal Shelter staff. Each group falls under the command of the Stafford County Sheriff, but they have different regulating authorities under the Commonwealth of Virginia. The officers are regulated by the Sheriff and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services with specific training requirements set by the Virginia Department of Agriculture (VDAC). The Animal Shelter and staff are regulated and inspected by VDAC, the Virginia Board of Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

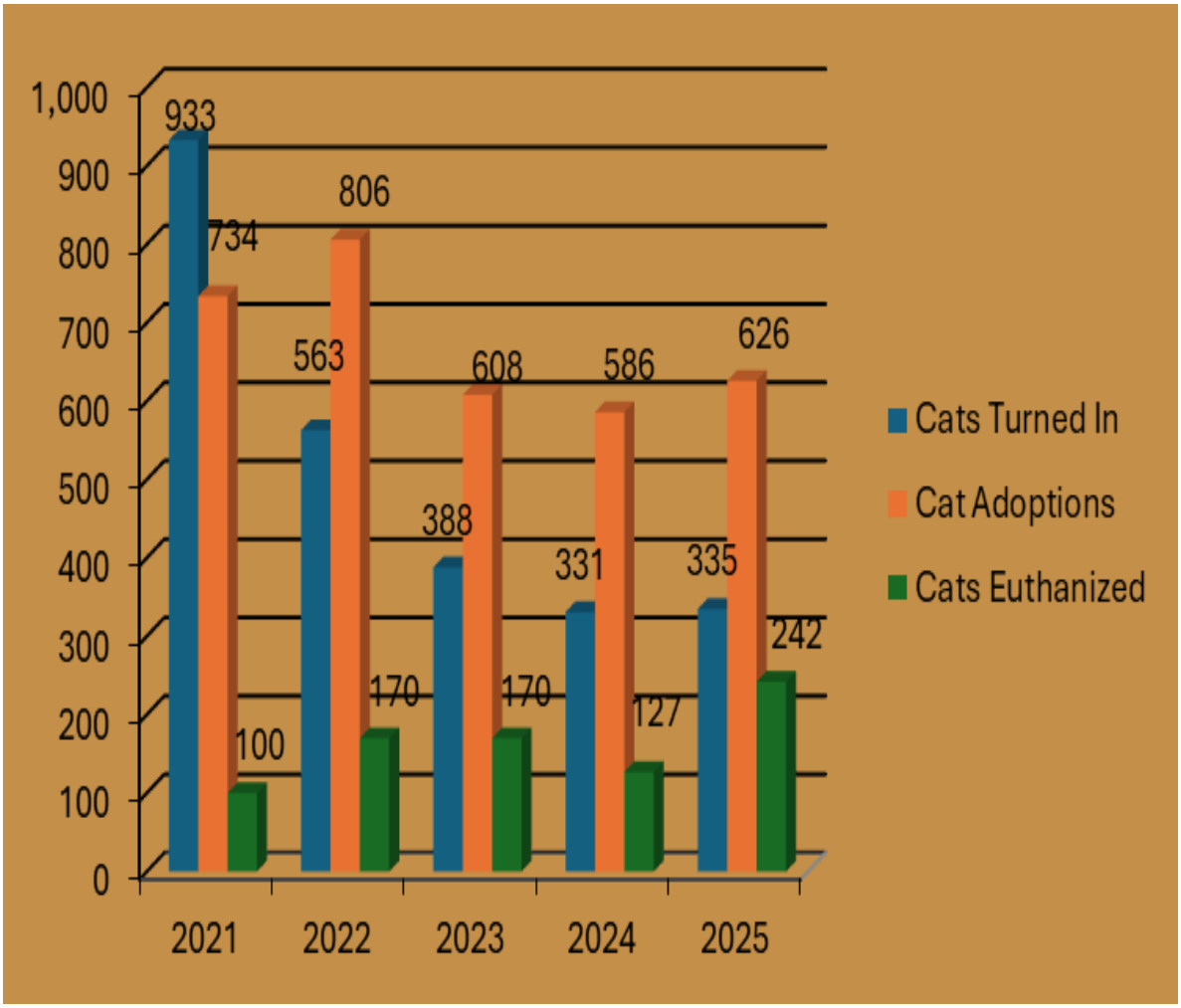


The number of dogs picked up increased by about 32 from 2024 to 2025. Dogs turned into the shelter decreased by 20 from 2024 to 2025.

Dog Adoptions increased by approximately 2 . Dogs euthanized decreased in number by 49.

Animal Control Statistics — Cats

The number of cats turned in increased by 4 from 2024 to 2025.



Cat adoptions increased by 40 from 2024 to 2025. The number of cats euthanized increased by 115 in 2025.


I LOVE MY DOG
I LOVE MY CAT


CONTROL


ANIMAL CONTROL


STAFFORD

Law Enforcement Operations

The Support Services Bureau consists of the Criminal Investigations Division, the Administrative Services Division, the Professional Standards Division and the Emergency Communications Division. Staff monitors and coordinates technology initiatives, service delivery programs, crime patterns and data shifts, budget efficiencies, community expectations and the impact of new laws and regulations.

Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division oversees the assignment, coordination and investigation of cases. The Major Crimes Unit handles the assignment and investigation of all major crimes. The General Assignment Unit handles runaways, missing persons and property crimes. The Special Investigations Unit manages drug-related crimes and investigations. The chart to the right reflects statistics involving the division's cases in 2025.

Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division supports Sheriff's Office operations including Records, Data Entry, Information Technology, Evidence and Property, Criminal Warrants, Policy and Accreditation, Fleet Management and Logistics.

Professional Standards Division

Professional Standards oversees Accounting/Budget, Human Resources, Internal Affairs and Training. Human Resources recruits and hires personnel, administers employee benefits and maintains personnel records. Internal Affairs provides oversight for the Sheriff's Office and investigates complaints of Sheriff's Office personnel. Training staff documents, certifies and implements training requirements.

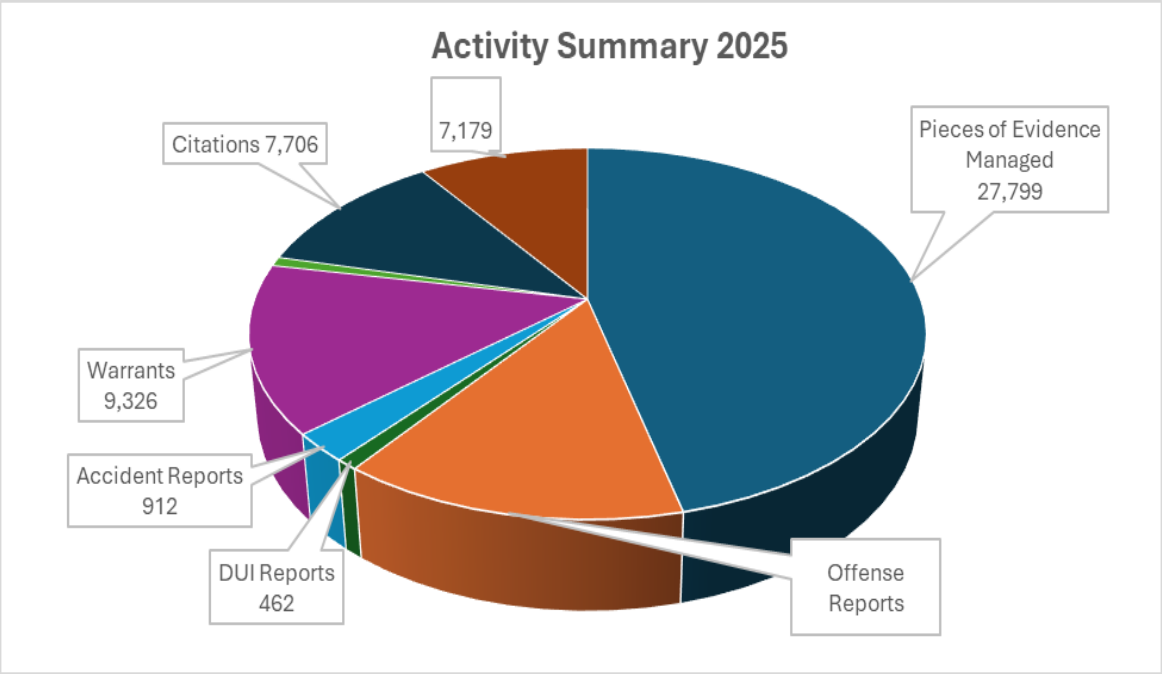


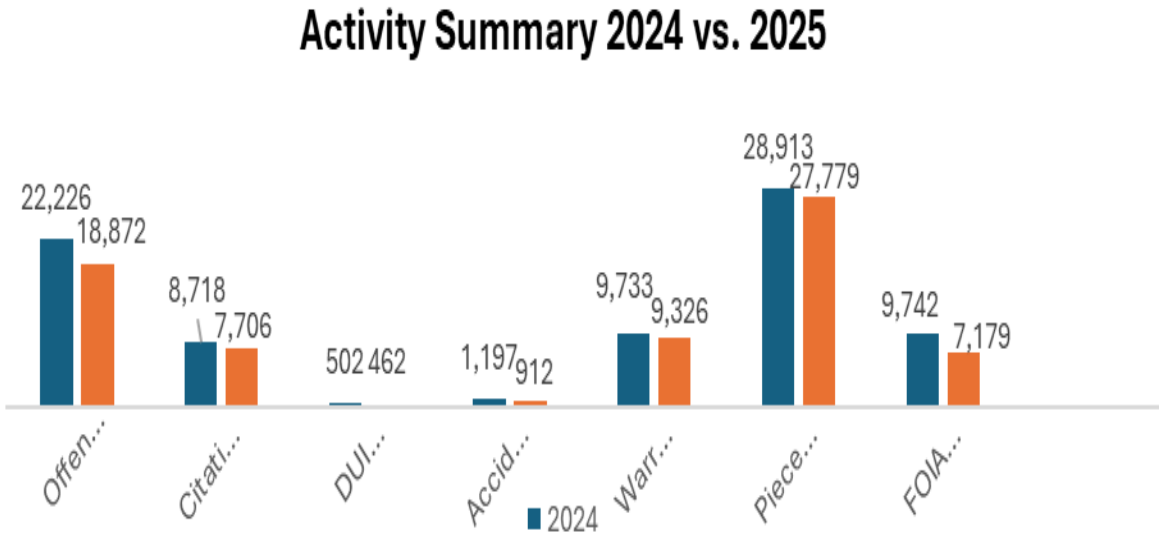
Sheriff Decatur, Major and Major Dembowski presenting Major Kimmitz with his retirement shadowbox.

Major Crimes Unit	
Search Warrants Issued	256
Court Orders Issued	16
Direct Indictments	43
Felony Warrants	198
Misdemeanor Warrants	54
Child Forensic Interviews	127
General Assignment Unit	
Search Warrants Issued	430
Court Orders Issued	150
Direct Indictments	28
Felony Warrants	163
Misdemeanor Warrants	61
Value of Prop. Recovered	$1,913,271.69
Special Investigations Unit	
Search Warrants	112
Court Orders	316
Direct Indictments	50
Felony Warrants	176
Misdemeanor Warrants	29
Surveillance Events	466
Surveillance Hours	1735
Control Buys	55
Money Spent	$18,334.00
Est. Value of Prop. Seized	$238,065.00
Est. Value of Drugs Seized	$3,825,383.00

Law Enforcement Operations

The chart below reflects the number of major activities handled by the Administrative Services Division in 2025. The second chart below compares the number of activities in each category in 2024 and 2025. All categories decreased in 2025. The number of Offense Reports/Supplements decreased which is due to the reduction in crime.

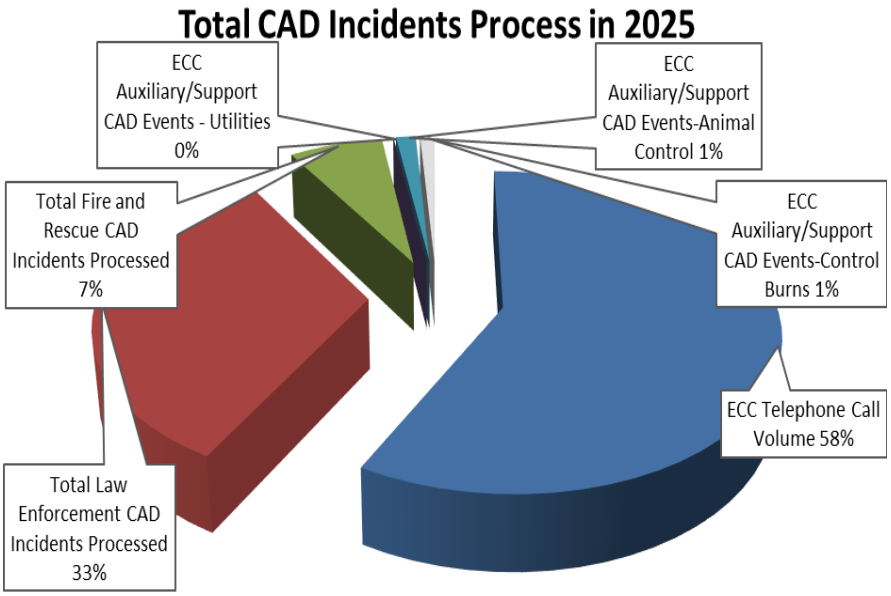




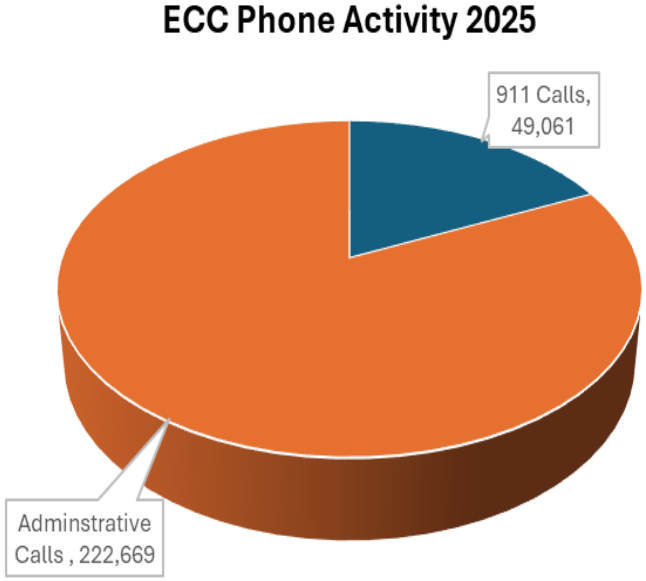
Emergency Communications Center

The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year supporting operations through an ever-changing comprehensive communications infrastructure.

The Emergency Communications Center processed a total of 168,356 incidents in 2025. The chart to the right shows the type and number of incidents that dispatchers received as well as the number of ECC phone calls. The majority of incidents are Law Enforcement-related, but Animal Control issues, Fire and Rescue, and Utility calls after hours are also part of the division's daily workload.



The total volume of phone calls that the Emergency Communications Center processed in 2025 is 222,669. The chart to the right indicates the types and number of calls handled by the division. Of the 911 calls from the public, 5.653, or 11%, were made from landline phones and 43,304, or 88%, were made from cell phones. Also, 20 calls of the total 911 calls were 911 to Text calls which was approximately 1% of the total.



Strategic Plan Overview

After a joint effort by the Strategic Planning Leadership Team and the Strategic Planning Team, Focus Areas and corresponding Strategic Goals and Objectives were developed. Focus Groups were first set in place in 2018 when the Strategic Planning Leadership Team appointed members of the Sheriff's Office to participate in the groups to work on selected goals and objectives from our Strategic Plan. To date, there are a total of 12 Focus Areas (see below). Details on all of the Focus Areas and Objectives can be found in the Strategic Plan document on the Sheriff's Office website at www.staffordsheriff.com. Click on the "About Us" link. The following pages reflect the Strategic Plan's impact on our community.

1	2	3	4	5
Effective and Comprehensive Community Engagement	Recruiting and Retention of Personnel	Effective Contemporary Policies	Effective Career Training and Development	Effective and Comprehensive Employee Communications
				

6	7	8	9	10
Effective Use of Current and Emerging Technologies	Filling Funding Gaps	Homeland Security and Crime Prevention	Traffic Safety	Taking Care of Our People
				

11	12
Infrastructure	Legislative and Regulatory Influences
	

Impact on Our Community

The following reflects concrete examples of how the Sheriff's Office's strategic planning efforts impacted Stafford County in 2025.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement has long been a priority of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. Strategic Planning efforts enhanced the office's legacy programs while also implementing new programs, such as the Community Engagement Team, which was established in 2020.

Ongoing Community Engagement Programs

"In the Know with the Stafford S.O." Podcast

The podcast, which is staffed and produced in-house by Sheriff's Office employees, was used to communicate Covid-19 information to the public in 2020 as well as to highlight different programs, issues, events and other important information. The podcast can be found on the Sheriff's Office website at www.staffordsheriff.com.



Sergeant Martins out and about in the community

Continued "Happening Now" Videos

Happening Now" videos were used on social media to inform the community of incidents currently underway such as crimes or traffic incidents. The videos allow SCSO staff to quickly inform citizens about emergency events in real time and provide updates until the incident has ended.

Stafford County Public Schools

After many years of working together on various issues and projects including participating on a Joint Safe School Task Force examining current safety practices and procedures, the Sheriff's Office and Stafford County Schools entered into an official Schools Law Enforcement Partnership in January 2021. The goal of the partnership is to foster relations, mutual respect and understanding to build a positive and safe school environment.

The Sheriff's Office has designated a point of contact between the agency and the schools to address operational and administrative issues and to serve as a consultant on safety and security.

School Resource Officers work in middle and high schools. Two D.A.R.E. Officers who work with elementary schools. Six School Protection Officers are assigned to six elementary schools to protect the schools, school staff and students.

Cameras installed in the Emergency Communications Center at the Ford T. Humphrey Public Safety Center have software which is able to monitor schools. In addition, radios on all school buses helped to improve the safety of kids riding the buses.

High schools also offer the Youth of Virginia Speak Out (YOVASO) leadership program that focuses on saving the lives of teenage drivers. Deputies assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit work with the school YOVASO Sponsor.

Badges for Baseball

During this annual summer program, Stafford deputies serve as mentors and coaches to youth from community-based organizations. The goal of the five-day camp is to teach kids the fundamentals of baseball, foster a relationship with coaches and mentors and expand participants' life skills. A

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character education curriculum is also included.

Business Watch

This partnership among businesses, law enforcement, and other organizations that represent business interests seeks to reduce and prevent crime through cooperation and education. The program was rebooted in late 2019. Monthly meetings are held with businesses at which the Sheriff's Office exchanges trend information and provides training.

Cadet Program

Since 1973, the Sheriff's Office has offered young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 an opportunity to experience law enforcement first hand through its Cadet Program. Lead by Sheriff's Deputies, the program allows youth to train and work in a wide range of law enforcement procedures. The goal is to help interested individuals cultivate a better understanding of the profession and enable them to make an informed decision about pursuing a law enforcement career.

Citizen's Police Academy

This 11-week program was designed to enhance citizens' understanding of the functions and services of the Sheriff's Office. Participants get an inside look at the daily operations and the "Hows and Whys" of police work. Graduates of the academy act as advocates to promote community policing.



Citizens Police Academy Class of 2025.

Coffee With a Cop

These informal gatherings with the Sheriff and other members of the Sheriff's Office allow citizens and business representatives to connect on a one-on-one basis with law enforcement. Events are held at different businesses throughout Stafford.



Lieutenant Kreider greeting the community during Coffee with a Cop.

Crime Solvers

Crime Solvers is a non-profit community-based organization that works with the Sheriff's Office and the community to combat crime. The group pays individuals for tips that lead to the arrest and conviction of suspects involved in crimes. Crime Solvers holds several fundraising events, such as the Stafford Shredding event and the Community Yard Sale, throughout the year.



Sheriff Decatur congratulating the 5th graders at Moncure Elementary's DARE graduation

D.A.R.E.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program seeks to provide kids with the skills they need to avoid drugs, gangs and violence. Each year, fifth grade students from Stafford County Public Schools commemorate the completion of their DARE program with a huge celebration hosted by the Stafford Sheriff's Office.

Halloween Safety

The Sheriff's Office goes above and beyond to ensure trick-or-treaters enjoy a safe and fun-filled Halloween. Deputies increase their presence in neighborhoods throughout the community on Halloween night to ensure trick-or-treaters have a

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safe night. Traffic tips are also sent out to remind motorists to watch for pedestrians, especially when driving through residential areas where children may be going door to door trick-or-treating. In addition, the Sheriff's Office x-rays candy at the Stafford Courthouse on Halloween night to detect metallic objects.

Junior Deputy Academy

This one-week summer program is geared toward upper elementary and middle school students. Participants attend a camp-style educational program during which they participate in daily activities that focus on building character as well as basic instruction in law enforcement duties and responsibilities.

LEU Ride

The Law Enforcement United Ride honors officers who have died in the line of duty and works to ensure their family members are supported and not forgotten. Members of the Stafford Sheriff's Office participate in the ride each year, which starts in Chesapeake, Virginia and ends in Washington, D.C.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual event held at Stafford Marketplace and in Stafford neighborhoods that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Stafford's National Night Out has been recognized by the National Association of Town Watch. Participation and attendance in this celebration grow every year.



1st Sgt. Mangan, Sgt. Curtis and Master Deputy Shannon receive a National Night Out proclamation from the Board of Supervisors

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program allows communities throughout Stafford County to work together and in partnership with the Sheriff's Office to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. The Sheriff's Office provides a starter kit, information guide, and meets regularly with Neighborhood Watch groups.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

The Sheriff's Office is a regular participant in Operation Medicine Cabinet and the annual Fall Drug Take Back program at Stafford Hospital. In addition, there is a drug disposal unit in the lobby of the Ford T. Humphrey Public Safety Building, which provides a safe and easy way to dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs.

Ring Neighbors App

The Sheriff's Office joined the Neighbors app by Ring to provide the community with real-time, local crime and safety information. Citizens can text "staffordco" to 555888 from their smartphone to download the Neighbors app for free and share crime and safety related videos, photos and text-based posts. They can also receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, law enforcement and the Ring team.

Special Olympics

The Sheriff's Office supports Special Olympics each year and participates in the program's events such as the Torch Run and the Polar Plunge.

Special Star Force Cadets

The Special Star Force Cadets is a program for young people with intellectual challenges, ages 13-22. Cadets experience various duties of a law enforcement officer in a safe and hazard free environment.

Worship Watch

This partnership with Stafford's places of worship aims to fight crime and keep members safe. The program includes training, information exchanges, and security assessments.

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RETENTION & RECRUITING

Public Safety Pay Scale

The Public Safety Pay Scale was created and implemented in 2020. The scale enhanced the full compensation package for employees and is more competitive with neighboring jurisdictions. For Fiscal Year 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a step salary increase for sworn and ECC personnel. In addition, civilian personnel received a 1.75% scale increase and a 1% market increase.

EFFECTIVE POLICIES

Standard Operating Procedures and General Orders Redefined

The Sheriff's Office implemented a new software program to modernize the updating and distribution of policies within the Sheriff's Office.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Training Provided for Supervisory Development

Additional training programs covering various topics such as employment law were facilitated to continue developing supervisors' managerial and leadership skills.

New Training Offered

To help enhance the quality of training provided to our sworn staff. A new supervisory training for the First Sergeant's was implemented in 2025. The first class was held along with a continuation of training for Sergeants. Training our leaders is imperative to effectively serving our community.

FILLING FUNDING GAPS

Additional Positions Approved

The animal shelter had four temporary part-time positions. These positions were changed to permanent part-time positions and were approved in the FY25 Budget. In recruitment a new webpage was implemented to serve as a hub to better provide information to those seeking employment with the sheriff's Office. This new webpage allows civilian and sworn applicants to research all aspects of the process and benefits in one location.

EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATIONS

The SCSO continued to focus on improving communications with our employees. A monthly newsletter was created by our Public Information Officer. This newsletter and other important news are distributed to employees via email.

TECHNOLOGY

Purchase of Upgraded Security Cameras

The Sheriff's Office implemented new CAD/RMS software in 2025. Axon Draft One was also implemented to better facilitate the reporting needs of the Sheriff's Office. The E-Ticket Pilot was procured and will be implemented in 2026.

HOMELAND SECURITY/CRIME PREVENTION

The sheriff's office supported 3 non-profits and 120 families during our annual Christmas Toy Drive in 2025. This program helps families in need during the holiday season. During National Night Out, we had approximately 4,000 visitors and 160 vendors participate. Our Office participated in 245 community events and now has 137 Project Lifesaver Clients. In 2025, we obtained our Certified Crime Prevention Community designation, through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

TAKING CARE OF OUR PEOPLE

Emergency Communications

The Sheriff's Office upgraded the furniture in the Emergency Communications Center and obtained funding for a CAD upgrade.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Addressing Future Infrastructure Needs

We continue to evaluate both the physical and cyber infrastructure of the sheriff's office. This ensures that we are able to provide the best service to our community and an effective work space for employees.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY INFLUENCES

Being Proactive With Legislative Changes

The sheriff's office continues to monitor bills and motions for legislative items that could directly impact public safety and the services that we deliver.

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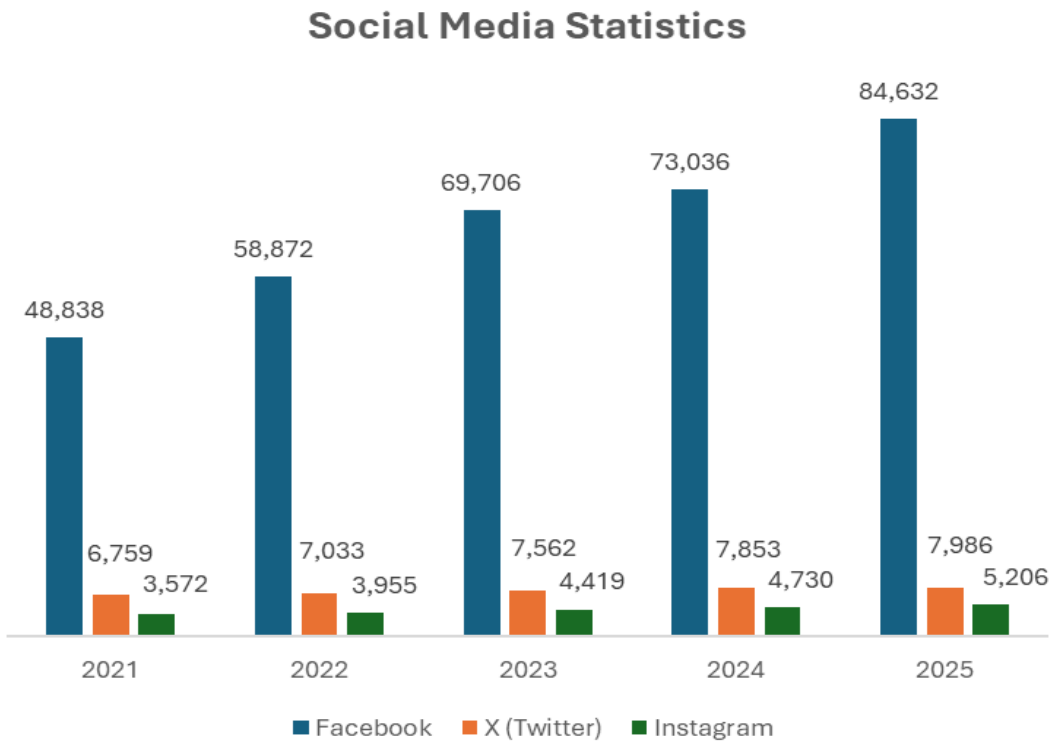
Social Media Connections

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office is committed to being transparent and accountable to Stafford citizens. A key tool to fulfill that goal is communication. The Sheriff's Public Information Officer (PIO) serves as the spokesperson for the Sheriff's Office and is on call 24 hours a day/365 days a year. The PIO is responsible for contact with all media outlets, disseminates information and responds to information requests from the public on a daily basis. In addition, the Public Information Officer acts as the Sheriff's Office photographer and social media coordinator.

The Sheriff's Office has Facebook (Office of Stafford County Sheriff), Twitter (@StaffcoSheriff) and Instagram (staffordsheriff), which was launched in 2018. All platforms have been instrumental in helping to spread the word on events and issues. The Sheriff's website at www.staffordsheriff.com offers a multitude of resources for citizens including information about community events, media releases, crime statistics as well as requests for child car seat inspections.



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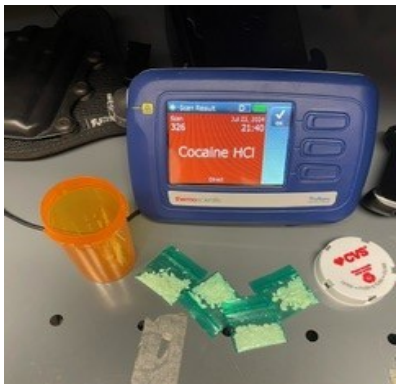
Fighting Drug Addiction

Mitigating the use of illegal drugs is a goal of the Homeland Security and Crime Prevention Unit. The unit engages in several activities each year such as DARE Day and National Drug Take Back Day to help rid the community of illegal drugs. During 2025, the Sheriff's Office collected 356 pounds of drugs and sharps.

In addition, a drug collection unit is installed in the lobby of the Public Safety Building located at 1225 Courthouse Road. Drug drop-off is available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. in the lobby. The unit allows citizens to dispose of prescription medication properly and safely.

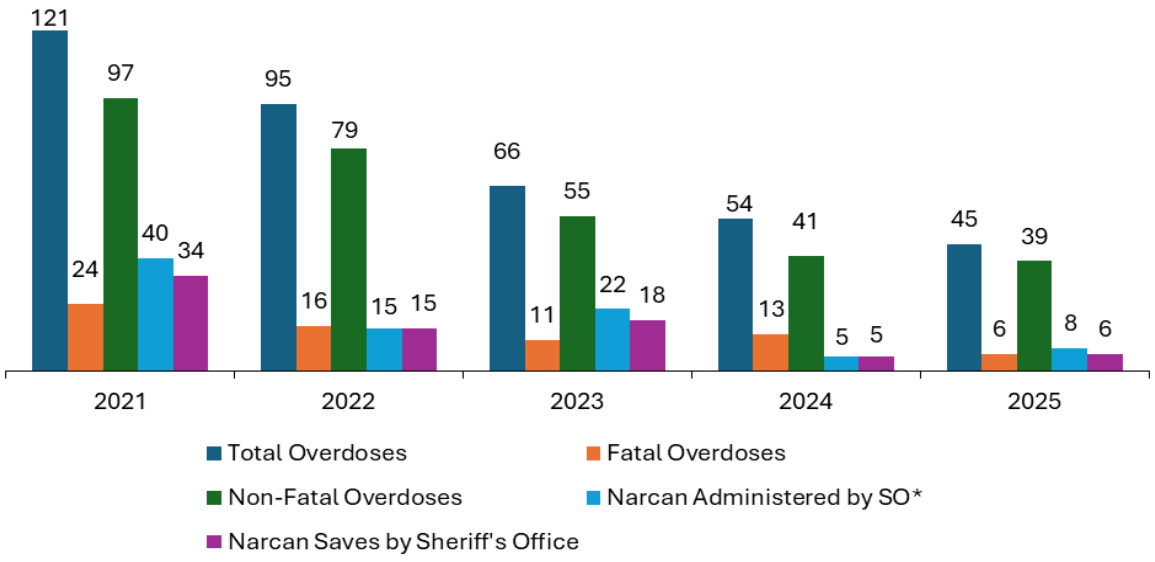
The battle against opioids continues to be a growing challenge in Stafford County. The graph at the bottom shows the drug activity for the last five calendar years. Three categories showed decreases from 2024 to 2025: Total overdoses decreased by 9; Non-Fatal Overdoses decreased by 2 and Fatal Overdoses decreased by 7. The number of Narcan administrations by Sheriff's Office personnel increased by 3 and the number of Narcan saves by Sheriff's Office personnel increased by 1.

To help combat this crisis, the Sheriff's Office has implemented many programs. All deputies began carrying Narcan in their vehicles in August 2016. Narcan is a lifesaving nasal spray that neutralizes heroin/opiate overdoses. The graph at the bottom shows the impact of Narcan. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has teamed up with officials from the Knockout Addiction program to raise awareness of the drug addiction problem in the Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania region.



Suspected controlled substances identified as cocaine using TruNarc, a drug identification device the Sheriff's Office obtained in May.

Overdose and Narcan Use



Law Enforcement Awards

The Sheriff's Office held its annual awards ceremony in May 2025 to honor law enforcement personnel who provided exemplary service to the community in 2024. The Medal of Valor is the highest award presented for Bravery and Heroism. It is awarded in situations in which a Sheriff's Office member knowingly places their his or her life in peril of death or extreme bodily injury while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. Meritorious Awards recognized a Sheriff's Office member for demonstrating judgment, ingenuity or performance that clearly exceeds what is required and expected during an emergency situation. Commendation Awards were given in instances during which a Sheriff's Office member demonstrates exemplary service. Traffic Safety Awards were given to deputies for traffic safety prevention, education and enforcement. Individuals for all awards are nominated by other deputies or personnel of the Sheriff's Office. Candidates are selected by an Awards Committee consisting of personnel from the Operations Division, Professional Standards Division, and Criminal Investigations Division. The committee evaluates the nominations and forwards them to the Sheriff for his review and action.

Meritorious Award

Deputy First Class Cordes and Deputy First Class Sullivan

On September 1st, deputies responded to Mr. B's Exxon in the 300 block of Warrenton Road for what was initially described as a shooting. Deputy Cordes arrived within two minutes of the dispatch and located the adult male victim lying on the sidewalk and bleeding profusely from wounds on both arms. Deputy Cordes immediately began life-saving measures, applying a tourniquet to one arm.

Deputy Sullivan arrived next and also provided life-saving care with the application of a tourniquet to the victim's other arm as they awaited medics. The victim was beginning to lose consciousness from the loss of blood and asked the deputies to let his son know that he loved him. Deputies also asked the victim if he knew the suspect's name and he was able to provide the name and a general location of the suspect's residence.

Sergeant's Haney and Curtis were already out performing drone operations for another incident and quickly moved to this scene to provide aerial recognizance. The suspect's vehicle was located at a townhome in nearby Old Forge. The drone was able to monitor from the air as deputies moved into perimeter positions around the suspect home and take him into custody.

Thanks to the life-saving actions of Deputies Cordes and Sullivan, the victim was able to survive the attack. Sergeant's Haney and Curtis provided the air support to ensure the suspect faces charges of attempted murder and malicious wounding later this year.

Deputy First Class Floirendo and Deputy Holetzky

On January 17th Deputies Floirendo and Holetzky responded for a welfare check in the area of Ferry Farm Elementary School. A worker at the Suicide Crisis Hotline reported they were speaking to a teen who was contemplating suicide.

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Deputy Holetzky arrived at the school and began checking around the perimeter. He then observed a person hanging from a piece of playground equipment behind the school. Deputy Holetzky sprinted to the young man and lifted him up to take the pressure off his neck. Deputy Floirendo also sprinted to the scene and was able to remove the belt that was secured around the teenager's neck.

Thanks to the quick actions of these heroes, the young man survived this incident and was given the mental health assistance he desperately needed.

Communications Officer Burrell

On June 13th of last year, at 4:12 a.m. Communications Officer Burrell answered a 911 call for a woman having a baby. The patient's sister had called the emergency line and reported the baby was completely out, but was not crying or breathing.

Communications Officer Burrell remained composed during this incredibly stressful call. She provided clear instructions on cleaning the baby's nose and mouth and vigorously drying the baby with a clean towel as paramedics were dispatched to the scene. Due to the stressful situation in the home, Communications Officer Burrell repeated the instructions to ensure the caller understood what to do.

Unfortunately, the infant was still not breathing, so Communications Officer Burrell began giving CPR instructions. She had to repeat the instructions again and remained calm and composed throughout the ordeal. Thankfully, a few moments later, the child began breathing and the crying was audible over the phone line!

Although a relatively new call taker, Communications Officer Burrell displayed the poise and composure of a seasoned veteran.

Sergeant Hurt

On July 1st a deputy marked out with a hit and run accident on Richmond Highway just north of Garrisonville Road. The investigation revealed the driver of a white Subaru had intentionally struck a motorcyclist and fled southbound on Richmond Highway, leaving his front bumper behind. The motorcyclist had been thrown onto the hood of the Subaru and then onto the pavement causing serious injuries. The deranged driver continued his dangerous behavior when he struck another vehicle in the wayside and fled the scene.

Sgt. Hurt located the suspect as he passed the Courthouse and quickly turned around to conduct a traffic stop. As he approached Hospital Center Boulevard, he attempted the traffic stop, but the suspect increased his speed to approximately 70 miles per hour in the posted 35 zone.

A high speed pursuit ensued as the suspect continued southbound using both southbound lanes and occasionally a northbound lane to escape justice. Deputies in the south end of the county scrambled to get to safe locations to deploy spike strips, but were unsuccessful in deflating the suspect's tires as the suspect repeatedly changed lanes and accelerated to speeds over 100 miles per hour during the chase.

Law Enforcement Awards

First Sergeant Purcell, First Sergeant Steininger, Sergeant Demirci, Sergeant Ridings, Detective Boyle, Detective Lynch, Detective Vasquez, Senior Deputy Pearce and Deputy First Class Sterne

On April 10th of 2024, deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance on Honeysuckle Way. What was initially described as a verbal argument escalated to a domestic with a weapon as the husband grabbed a gun and began shooting into the residence from the front of the home.

Deputies and detectives arrived on scene to discover the male suspect was now inside the home and the female victim and her children were hiding in an upstairs bedroom. Recognizing the inherent danger of the call, Sgt. Forman had already picked up the armored Bearcat and was rushing to the scene while First Sgt. Assur assumed Command of the scene.

First Sgt. Assur, Detective Boyle and Deputy Pearce composed a plan for a rescue team to enter the home and bring the female and her children to safety. Deputies on perimeter saw lights go on in the basement and knew the husband was now in that area, allowing the rescue team to enter the home and retrieve the other family members.

Sgt. Forman drove the Bearcat to the front of the home with Detective Vasquez manning the turret for cover. Once in position, Detective Lynch breached the front door and 1st Sgt. Steininger, Sgt. Demirci, Deputy Pearce and Deputy Sterne entered the home and took cover positions. This allowed 1st Sgt. Purcell, Sgt. Ridings and Detective Boyle to go up the stairs, get the female victim and her children and escort them back out the front door. Once out of the home, Sgt. Forman was able to escort the group back safely in the armored Bearcat.

After several hours of negotiations, the male suspect exited the home, but was not compliant. Sgt. Demirci deployed K-9 Titan and the incident was quickly resolved.

Senior Deputy Richardson

On November 16th, 2024 deputies responded to a stabbing call in Foxwood Village Mobile Home Park. The juvenile victim had been stabbed twice during a robbery and was reported to be going in and out of consciousness.

Deputy Richardson arrived within three minutes of the dispatch and found the victim lying on the ground with a deep cut to one thigh and a smaller laceration to a bicep. Deputy Richardson calmed the victim and swiftly went into action applying a life-saving tourniquet above the leg wound.

Deputy Richardson continued to use compassion and professionalism with the victim to learn more about the robbery and suspect involved. Thanks to Deputy Richardson's ability to remain calm and swiftly provide critical medical care, the young victim survived this incident

Special Recognition from the Virginia House of Delegates

Detective Wood

On November 14th 1986, Jacqueline Lard, age 40, was working at Mount Vernon Realty in the 300 block of Garrisonville Road. She was last seen that evening at 9:00 p.m. as the business closed. Tragically, Jacqueline never made it home that night.

On the morning of November 15th 1986, employees of other businesses in the area prepared to open for the day and discovered a crime scene at the realty office which indicated a horrific struggle. Jacqueline and her vehicle were both missing. Stafford County detectives, assisted by the Virginia State Police Crime Scene Unit and the FBI processed the scene and collected blood and other evidence.

The following day, two juveniles were playing in a wooded area near Railroad Avenue in Woodbridge and discovered a body beneath a pile of discarded carpet. Stafford detectives joined Prince William detectives and the FBI to diligently process the scene and identified the deceased as Jacqueline Lard. This meticulous collection of evidence would ultimately provide the suspect's identification 37 years later.

Jacqueline's missing vehicle was located abandoned in Fairfax County on December 18th 1986, leading to the recovery of additional evidence. Over the years, detectives from multiple agencies, both federal and state, followed up on countless leads and conducted interviews, resulting in the elimination of numerous suspects and persons of interest.

The FBI created a task force combining the efforts of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, Prince William County Police Department, the FBI and the DEA. DNA was extracted from the evidence, but repeated searches of the Virginia and National DNA Databanks via CODIS in addition to direct comparisons against submitted persons of interest and familial searches failed to identify the killer. Sadly, the leads were exhausted and the investigation moved to Cold Case status.

Sheriff Decatur would not allow this case to remain idle and Detective D.K. Wood explored a new technology, forensic investigative genetic genealogy to help identify the killer.

The tenacious Detective Wood refused to give up. He worked with Parabon NanoLabs, a company providing DNA phenotyping. The analysis of the DNA linked the murder of Jacqueline Lard to the unsolved 1989 murder of Amy Baker in Fairfax County. Stafford County and Fairfax County detectives joined forces, determined to bring this murder suspect to justice.

On December 14th 2023, a family name for the suspect was identified. Detectives followed up on the leads this technology created and ultimately obtained a search warrant for DNA from Stafford County resident Elroy Harrison, 65. In February of this year, the Department of Forensic Science reported the DNA was a match. After nearly four decades, the identity of the murder suspect had been revealed.

On March 4th Harrison was indicted by a Stafford County Grand Jury for the first-degree murder, abduction with the intent to defile, and aggravated malicious wounding of Jacqueline Lard as well as breaking and entering with the intent to commit murder. He was arrested at his Stafford County residence on March 5th and placed in the Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

Law Enforcement Awards

Other Award Recipients

Letters of Commendation
First Sergeant Adam Assur (x2)
Detective Brandon Boyle
Sergeant Lucas Burgess
Deputy Trevor Croson
Sergeant Steven Curtis (x2)
Sergeant Baris Demirci
First Sergeant. Derek Fetterolf
Sergeant Justin Forman (x3)
Sergeant Gregory Haney
Deputy Mark Holub
Deputy Glenn Lum
Detective Joshua Lynch
Detective Kurt McBride
Sergeant Madison McCann
Deputy Christopher Newman
Sergeant Nicholas Ridings
Deputy Frank Shannon
Lieutenant Christopher Smith
Deputy Rodney Stamm
First Sergeant Mark Steininger
Deputy Elliott Taylor
Detective Dominic Torrice (x2)
Detective Travis Vasquez
Deputy Brenden Vaughn
First Sergeant Nicolaos Zotos

Traffic Safety Award
Deputy Shawn Martin
Deputy Kyle Suter

Unit Citation
Deputy John Alford
Deputy Alec Charoenthep
First Sergeant Derek Fetterolf
Deputy Meghan Floirendo
Sergeant John Harrod
Detective Jeremy Hinson
Deputy Robyn Hubbard
Sergeant Matthew Jacobeen
Deputy Jordan Murch
Deputy Scott Myers (x2)
Deputy Michael Pearce (x2)
Deputy Ryan Philippsen
Sergeant Randall Pinkard
Deputy Ashley Pitts
First Sergeant Daniel Purcell
Deputy Madeline Sayegh
Deputy Jeffrey Smihal
Deputy DeAndre Taylor
Deputy Elliott Taylor (x2)
First Sergeant Heather Torrance
Sergeant Erin West

Civilian Awards

Each year, the Sheriff's Office recognizes its civilian employees who have provided exemplary service to the community and the organization. The 2024 award winners follow:

Integrity
Elizabeth Hardin

Compassion
Lillian Van Winkle

Fairness
Rita Kooiman

Professionalism
Yanci Palacios

Volunteers play an integral role in helping the Stafford County Sheriff's Office keep citizens safe. Their duties range from performing data entry, to assisting with special events, or participating in the Sheriff's Office counterterrorism efforts. Stafford's citizen assistance volunteers annually give thousands of hours in service to assist throughout Stafford County Government. The volunteers who were able to come in served more than 8,596 hours. Volunteers are recognized each year by the Stafford Board of Supervisors for their contribution and dedication to Stafford County.

Alexandria Adams
Emily Agey

Heather Akgun
Melissa Akin
Albert Anderson
Briana Arounsey
Carter Barrett
Linda Barrett
Isabella Betancourt
Edmund Bowen
Kiera Breen
Kiera Brooks
Kimberly Brooks
Reece Brooks
Rob Brooks
Alexandria Brown
Kelly Burnthorn
Brian Ceballos
Daria Chalupa
Aaron Chudosky
Joseph Clark
Denise Cooper-Waters
Amanda Cubbage
Kalyssa Daley
Jason Dejarnett
Jill Del Vecchio
Dymond Dempster
Edward Dixon
Leah Donis
Toni Doyle
Andrea Edwards
Walter Edwards
Brian Evans
Kayli Farris
Lindsey Foster
Andrea Francher
Max Greeson
Lori Hall
Alyssa Halstead
Taliyah Hamilton
Jauna Hamlett
Haley Harmon

Valerie Hart
Paul Henry

Richard Herdt
Ralph Hitt
Tiffany Humbracht
Christal Huntley
Mayalia Ingram
Sharlene Jackson
Laura Jacoff
Rachel Johnson
William Johnson Jr
Yuliia Khvorostyanov
Renee Klosterman
Julie Knauth
Katelyn Knauth
Jed Kukowski
Elmars Laksbergs
Michael Lambrecht
Carlos Latorre
Mason Leach
Samuel Lerner
Sydney Lewis
Stephen Littlewood
Charles Logan
Christina Maggio
Kaili Mahiai
Mark Malmgren
Donna Martinelli
Nancy May
Kailey McCroskey
Regan McIntyre
Molly McNear
Kayli Merritt
Rachael Miller
Stacy Mitchell
Bart Mix
Kim Mix
Theresa Monahan
Barbara Moody
Idayra Morales
Stephen Nielson
Mary Beth Neuhard

Destiny Palmer
Sarah Placke

Frank Pote
Gabrielle Potts
Brian Priester
Kumi Priester
James Proctor
Macy Rachel
Juliana Ramiez
Elizabeth Rathburn
James Reightler
Frank Ringquist
Michael Robinson
Jessica Rockx
Mabel Saez
Kenna Sander
Tom Seal
Sydnee Sedwick
Mark Seymour
Samantha Schultz
Lauren Shelton
William Smith
Zachary Snyder
Marina Solomon
Michelle Storm
Briana Tellado
Erika Tellez
Brenda Terreault
Victoria Toler
Tammy Tolson
Isabella Torress
Amanda Vega
Ainsley Vickers
Laurie Vorrath
Katelyn Warner
Leeann Webster
Samantha Webster
Sarah Webster
Brian Whited
Brian Willey
Jeannine Willingham
Sharon Wilson

Elected Officials

Constitutional Officers

Stafford County has five Constitutional Officers elected by citizens every four years with one exception. The Clerk of the Circuit Court, who serves for an eight-year term. Below are the Constitutional Officers:

Sheriff
David P. Decatur
(540) 658–4450
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Kathy Sterne
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Commissioner of the Revenue
Scott Mayausky
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commrev@staffordcountyva.gov

Commonwealth's Attorney
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Treasurer
Michael O. Sienkowski
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Board of Supervisors

Stafford County is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors. Board members are elected for four-year terms. Elections are held as part of the Virginia general election in November of odd-numbered years. Below are the current members of the Board:

Chairman
Deauntay Diggs
George Washington District
(540) 368-4924
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Vice-Chairman
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Griffis-Widewater District
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Pamela Yeung
Garrisonville District
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Meg Bohmke
Falmouth District
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Darrell English
Hartwood District
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Monica Gary
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Crystal Vanuch
Rock Hill District
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The County Administrator is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serves at the will of the Board. William H. Ashton II currently serves as the County Administrator.

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Information: (540) 658-4450

